

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A payment system, the system including a plurality of specific value cards each bearing a unique identification number.. The cards can be purchased, and at this point the unique identification is read at a vending station and a signal sent to a central database. The cards can be spent for instance over the internet, and at this time the cards are cancelled by the sending of an appropriate signal including the unique identification number to the central database by the receiver of the payment.